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SUBJECT: National Security Telecommunications Policy NSDD (C)

The attached draft NSDD represents a revised policy for the management and coordination of efforts to enhance the capabilities of the national telecommunications infrastructure to support national security leadership requirements. It is provided for your review and comments by COB Friday, April 22, 1983. (C)

The draft NSDD builds upon and revises existing national security telecommunications policy. A Steering Group is formally established and tasked with the authority to direct agencies to fund and implement approved telecommunications initiatives. The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee is identified as an integral component of the effort to enhance telecommunications in support of national leadership requirements. The requirement to develop a central telecommunications coordinating mechanism and enhance the survivability and interoperability of commercial communications satellite assets is stressed. (C)

Your prompt concurrence regarding this directive would be appreciated. The NSC point of contact for this directive is Robert W. Helm, 395-6923. (C)

Robert W. Helm
William P. Clark

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